has proved prejudicial to the interests of many raiyats and will also cause loss to Government by much land being thrown up. A revision of the rates is therefore requested.

Dewan's reply.—The rates have been fixed after careful classification of the lands and consideration of the nature of the irrigation commanded by them and of other local circumstances. The effect of the settlement will be watched with interest.

Subject No. 216.

Octroi on piece goods should be levied in villages also.

Summary of discussion.—Octroi duty is levied on piece goods in Municipal towns, while cloths sold in the outlying villages of Taluks are exempt from duty. This exemption causes loss to the Municipalities concerned. It is requested that the levy of the duty may be extended to outlying villages also.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be helped. Octroi may be levied only within Municipal limits.

Subject No. 217.

Grazing rights on land granted for Gold Mining purposes.

Summary of discussion.—Under the verbal orders of the late Dewan, raiyats were allowed to graze their cattle on the lands leased out for Gold Mining purposes in the Bowringpet Taluk. The enjoyment of this privilege has been interfered with in the current year by the Gold Mining Companies. It is requested that the privilege may be continued as heretofore.

Dewan's reply.—The lands belong to the Gold Miners to whom they have been granted. The grass thereon belongs to them also, they are expected to have compensated the villagers for interference with existing grazing rights if any.

Subject No. 218.

Drinking water-supply for Bowringpet Town.

Summary of discussion.—Much difficulty is experienced in respect of drinking water at Bowringpet, and the excavation of wells will not meet this want, as no springs of sweet water can be tapped. The Doddakere attached to the town is the chief source of drinking water to the towns people. It has a revenue of Rs. 200, of which Rs. 100 is derived from wet and the rest from garden lands. The discontinuance of wet cultivation under the tank is necessary for the proper supply of water to the people all round the year as the present supply lasts only 7 months.

Dewan's reply.—Represent to Deputy Commissioner who will report to Government if necessary.

Subject No. 219.

Tolls on traffic to and from the Gold Mines.

Summary of discussion.—A large number of loaded carts are passing daily on the Betamangala road on account of the extensive traffic between the Railway Station and the Gold Fields. It is recommended that a toll may be levied on the carts for the benefit of the Municipality which will derive from this source an income of Rs. 20 or 30 per diem.